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is to shift from one of an inhibitor to one of a contributor. This is not to imply that some significant strides have not already occurred in these sectors, but only to point out that the progress to date has not been sufficient to provide an assured food supply.

The fact that famines have been recurring should be warning enough that greater emphasis on the agricultural sectors is needed. Both nations have a shortage of foreign exchange and are unable readily to resort to food importation without seriously affecting other development programs. Neither government can hope to retain the confidence of its people, a factor so necessary at this stage of their development, unless the food problem is solved. Both countries should be well aware of the merits of political stability in light of their recent history. Political instability has plagued Pakistan and has contributed to its late start in planning and failure to achieve many of its targets; while in India, the relative calm has served as an asset to the achievement of its development programs.

While serious consequences have been averted in the past, especially in India, by the imports of wheat from Western countries, this can hardly be viewed as a solution to the basic problem. The magnitude of the problem requires its solution to come from within Pakistan and India. Figures concerning population growth and land available for cultivation suggest pressure on land resources increasing in the future, with the pressure being more intense in Pakistan where the cultivated land per person will amount to 0.44 acres in 1975 as compared to India's 0.60 acres per capita in the same time period.

The possession by both nations of relatively large land bases

and large quantities of underutilized water resources provide them with potential for coping with food shortages. The two areas that would appear to offer the most promising means of increasing food production are irrigation and fertilizer. While India's progress in irrigation has been dramatic with about 22 million new acres having been added, its unrealized potential stands at about 105 million acres. Pakistan has been able to add only about 2 million acres since independence; however, East Pakistan has an opportunity to add about 12.5 million acres to its irrigated total.

More efficient use of the potential water resources will involve sizeable expenditures, but the benefits that can be expected are also sizeable. It is the key to removing a large part of the present dependence on the monsoons to ameliorate some of its damaging effects. Better water control will enhance existing land resources, provide more irrigated land which should increase the ability to double-crop, give greater assurance to some areas of a dependable water supply and also help to insure more effective use of fertilizer.

Fertilizer efficiency requires not only an assured water supply but also a knowledge of the condition of the soil on to which it will be applied. Soil surveys are called for, therefore, if the present low yields per acre are to be raised. Pakistan has done very little in gathering such information while India has already established four soil research institutes and has taken numerous soil samples. The results of such inquiries will help to determine what fertilizers are needed and in what quantities to achieve desired yields per acre. Potash, sulphur and phosphate resources are meager in India. Large reserves of sulphur

bringing about the necessary changes at the village levels, need to be strengthened with additional and more talented personnel. Programs to attract the services of such persons are needed.

CHAPTER V

POWER DEVELOPMENT AND FUELS

The consumption of power has been generally accepted as an indication of the level of economic development of a country. Pakistan and India have levels considerably lower than those found in more developed countries. In terms of coal equivalent energy, Pakistan's per capita energy consumption in 1960 stood at 67 kilograms while India's per capita figure for the same year was 140 kilograms. By way of comparison, Mexico in 1960 consumed 1,012 kilograms per head, Denmark and Japan had consumption figures of 2,821 kilograms and 1,164 kilograms respectively.¹

While the power sector's contribution to gross product may be small, the extent of its availability can be a decisive factor in whether economic growth is to be stimulated or hindered.² Power constitutes an essential element in a country's infra-structure which in turn is one of the basic requirements of economic development. The major significance of power installations to economic development lies in the ability of power to contribute to revitalizing the agrarian sectors as well as providing some of the bases for industrialization and increasing efficiency in the other sectors of the economy.

¹ United Nations Statistical Yearbook, pp. 278-280.

² National Council for Applied Economic Research, New Delhi, Demand for Energy in India, 1960-75 (Bombay: Asia Publishing House, 1960), p. 1, hereafter cited in NCAER, January, 1960.

The part played by natural resources in power development is a direct one because it is on the base of these resources that the different power facilities are likely to rest. The variety, quality and extent of these resources help to determine the direction of power development and influence as well the direction of the overall economic development.

This chapter will be concerned with the bases available for power development in India and Pakistan, the progress made in utilizing these resources as well as the role of power in the economic development of each country.

As power is just one of the means through which certain ends are accomplished, there is no easy answer as to whether power per se is a major limiting factor to present economic development on the subcontinent. The creation of new power capacity is dependent on other economic activities from which stem a demand for power. The projects, whether they be in industry or agriculture, in turn depend on the availability of power, hence a close interrelationship exists. Present opinion is that existing power facilities in some areas of both countries are just able to keep up with demand while other areas, such as East Pakistan, have a power shortage. Further, there is a need for expansion not only to overcome the periodic power crises that arise when breakdowns occur but also to assure that power will not be a serious limiting factor to economic development in the future.

Even though electrical power is not the chief form of energy presently used on the subcontinent, it will receive major emphasis in this study due to its potentially important role. Electricity is

recognized as an advanced type of energy which has had a significant influence on the industrial development of countries in the past.

"... industrial development, mechanization and urban progress are virtually a function of electricity supplies"¹ and in many applications electricity has no rivals.

The role that natural resources will have in power development can perhaps be best discussed by analyzing previous patterns of consumption, where the future demand will be, and each country's availability of resources to meet this demand.

The consumption of electric power to date has largely been by the industrial concerns of both nations. Industry has been not only the main consumer but is also an important producer as well. In India, industry accounts for about seventy-two per cent of the public utility electrical sales, domestic use about ten per cent with traction, commercial and small power, public water works and public lighting consuming the rest (Table 39).

Increasing demand in the rural areas of both countries will stem from small and cottage scale industry requirements for electricity as the drive toward rural diversification continues. Other sources of demand will come from irrigation activities, flood control, well pumping and residential and public lighting. Rural electrification progress has been understandably slow in both countries because load factors and distances between villages make electrification relatively uneconomic,²

¹NCAER, January, 1960, p. 34.

²United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, *Electric Power in Asia and the Pacific*, Nations, 1962, p. 26,

TABLE 39

SALES OF ELECTRICITY IN INDIA
(million KWH)

Purpose.	1950	1955	1960	1961
Industrial Power	2,605 (62.7)	4,590 (66.3)	9,238 (69.3)	11,367 (71.9)
Domestic Use	524 (12.6)	810 (11.7)	1,391 (10.4)	1,534 (9.7)
Traction	308 (7.4)	402 (5.8)	448 (3.4)	506 (3.2)
Commercial Light and Small Power	308 (7.4)	474 (6.8)	838 (6.3)	885 (5.6)
Public Water Works, etc.	190 (4.6)	294 (4.3)	451 (3.4)	459 (2.9)
Irrigation, etc.	162 (3.9)	258 (3.7)	779 (5.8)	854 (5.4)
Public Lighting	60 (1.4)	98 (1.4)	190 (1.4)	205 (1.3)
Total sold	4,157 (100.0)	6,926 (100.0)	13,335 (100.0)	15,810 (100.0)
Total generated	5,112	8,592	16,428	19,110

Source: Indian Investment Center, Investing in India (Bombay: Vakil and Sons [Private] Ltd., June, 1962), p. 16.

Note: Data relate to public utilities only, but exclude energy generated by industrial units for their consumption. Figures in brackets are percentages of the total.

but this situation can be expected to change as development continues.

Industry, however, can be expected to be the major consumer of electrical power in the future. In Pakistan, as textile, cement,

fertilizer, paper and various secondary industries expand to meet demand, the need for electricity will also be expanding. In India a recent study (Table 40) revealed the demand for electricity by industry rising from 12,400 million KWH in 1960 to 82,500 KWH by 1975. Among India's industrial sections of mining, small enterprises, construction and factory establishments, the factories are the main electricity consumers. The growth pattern within these manufacturing units is toward heavy intensive-energy activities such as iron and steel and other heavy industry.

TABLE 40^a

ESTIMATE OF DEMAND FOR ELECTRICITY IN INDIA, 1955-75
(million KWH)

Sector	1955	1960	1965	1970	1975
Agriculture (irrigation)	255	510	970	1,750	3,000
Industry	6,445	12,400	24,500	45,500	82,500
Domestic demand:					
Urban: Light and fans	679	1,062	1,665	2,460	3,800
Heat	157	322	667	1,320	2,712
Rural:	14	38	108	306	929
Total Domestic	850	1,422	2,440	4,086	7,441
Services	905	1,450	2,450	3,970	6,850
Transport	515	920	1,520	2,250	3,170
Total effective electricity	8,970	16,702	31,880	57,556	102,961
Industrial index approach	9,000	17,000	33,600	61,500	108,000

Source: NCAER, January, 1960, p. 46.

^a Estimates are based on model of economic growth that aims at doubling per capita income from Rs. 281 in 1955-56 to Rs. 564 in 1975-1976.

Aside from industrial by-products provided by refineries and coke oven gases, the resources available for power development on the

subcontinent include water flow, natural gas, coal, lignite, oil, peat and atomic materials. While wind, tidal and solar sources of power do exist, their importance has yet to be determined and their role in present power development is not likely to be of much significance.

Resource Base for Hydro-Power and Utilization

Besides the previously mentioned irrigation and flood control benefits stemming from better water management policies, there is also the important additional asset of hydro-electric power generation. The outstanding feature of water as a source of generating electricity is that it is a renewable resource. At independence, Pakistan's share of undivided India's major hydro-electric generating capacity was only 9,600 kw out of the total existing capacity of 404,510 kw.¹ Pakistan, however, possesses a sizeable hydro-electric power potential. The West Pakistan Indus Basin has a potential of about 8.3 million kw, of which six million kw are located on the Indus river basin. The Jhelum river accounts for about two million kw of the potential with the Kabul, Swat and other rivers accounting for the rest. Other areas in this section of Pakistan have either a negligible potential or have not been adequately surveyed to date to provide an estimate. Of the total potential about 200,000 kw has been developed.

East Pakistan possesses a potential of about one million kw. The best site locations are in the Chittagong hill area where 300,000 kw could be developed. The Brahmaputra system and other areas make up the remaining potential in this section of Pakistan. To date only

¹Vakil, p. 231.

120,000 kw capacity is being developed on the Karnafuli River.

In 1960 Pakistan had eight public utility hydro-electric stations with an aggregate installed capacity over 250,000 kw and an aggregate production of 538.7 million KWH at an average plant factor of 24.3 per cent¹ as compared to Mexico's capacity of 1.25 million kw and production of 4.9 billion KWH.² As shown in Table 41 the hydro-electric installed capacity target for 1965 forecasts about a fifty-three per cent increase over 1960. However, the installed capacity of 383,000 kw will represent

TABLE 41

PAKISTAN'S NET INSTALLED POWER CAPACITY BY
MODE OF GENERATION, 1955-65
(000 kilowatts)

Source .	Installed Capacity 1955	Installed Capacity 1960	Net Installed Capacity 1965	Percentage Differ- ence
Public Utilities:				
Hydro	62.7	250.7	382.7	52.7
Steam	67.7	312.8	612.3	95.7
Diesel	70.7	90.0	95.3	5.9
Sub-total	200.4	653.5	1,090.3	70.0
Industrial Establishments	142.0	252.0	181.5	-28.0
Grand total	342.4	905.5	1,271.8	40.3
Per capita consumption ^a	10 KWH	30 KWH	50 KWH	

Source: PSFYP, p. 213.

^aThe low level of consumption was only a small fraction of the 1995 KWH in the United States in 1910.

¹ECAFE, Electric Power, p. 87.

²United Nations Statistical Yearbook, 1961, pp. 292-301.

generating about five million kw through its hydro plants or about twelve per cent of its potential (Table 42).

TABLE 42
INDIAN GENERATING CAPACITY BY SOURCE
(million kilowatts)

Source	1951	1956	1961	1966
Hydel Plant	0.56	0.94	1.93	5.10
Coal	1.59	2.27	3.46	7.03
Oil	0.15	0.21	0.31	0.36
Nuclear	--	--	--	--
Total	2.30	3.42	5.70	12.69

Source: ITFYP, p. 195.

While hydro power is usually considered to be the cheapest among the various sources of power, its initial development may represent huge outlays and require extensive transmission facilities where the sites, by virtue of their peculiar nature, may be located in inconvenient or remote parts of the country. In other cases, however, where hydro stations are a part of a multi-purpose project and water resources are in juxtaposition with other required resources, regional development can take place.

Some recent Indian capital costs studies of single-purpose hydro power projects revealed a wide range of costs that were largely due to the particular topographical and hydrological conditions of the given site. The Sharavati scheme in Mysore, for instance, cost Rs 550 per kw while the expenditures on the Rihand project in Uttar Pradesh were

Rs 1,545 per kw.¹ In cases where multi schemes were built, the costs were higher as were the benefits. Due to events expected to occur in other power sectors which will be covered later in this study, hydro power capital costs are expected to compare favorably to other power forms in the future.

TABLE 43

AVERAGE CAPITAL COSTS FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF
ELECTRICITY SUPPLY FACILITIES IN INDIA

Type of Facility	Foreign Exchange Component (per cent)	Approx. Cost per KW of Installed Capacity (rupees)	
		Range	Representative Avg.
Hydro Power Station	15	500-1700	1,100
Steam Power Station	64	800-1000	900
Diesel Power Station	50	570-1200	800
Transmission Systems	25	320-450	380
Distribution Systems	2	450-550	500

Source: United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, Proceedings of the Regional Seminar on Energy Sources and Electric Power Development (New York: United Nations, 1962), p. 68, hereafter cited as ECAFE, Energy Sources.

Resource Bases for Thermal Power and Utilization

Examination of capacity figures after partition show Pakistan's thermal station capacity amounted to 54,630 kw with all but 3,000 kw located in West Pakistan.² India's position was considerably better with 878,000 kw.³ By way of relative progress, in 1960 India had 627

¹NCAER, January, 1960, p. 107.

²Andrus, p. 215.

³Vakil, p. 234.

public utility diesel stations and ninety-three steam stations having an aggregate installed capacity of 2.71 million kw with Pakistan having sixty-one public utility diesel stations and thirteen steam stations representing over 402,000 kilowatts of installed capacity.¹ In the same year the capacity in Mexico and Japan amounted to 1.05 million kw and 8.87 million kw respectively.²

The energy sources for India's thermal stations are lignite, natural gas, oil and coal with some atomic energy being slowly introduced. India's total lignite reserves amount to about 2,500 million tons (Figure 4) of which 2,000 million tons are located in the Neyveli area in Madras. About 1,400 million tons of this deposit is readily available for exploitation.

Until recently the lignite natural resources of India had largely been unused but due to a combination of factors the Neyveli complex scheme provides an example of how an indigenous natural resource, once considered uneconomical to exploit, has now been put to use and serves as the base from which regional economic development can take place. Bottlenecks in coal production and transportation, high costs of coal from northern mines and near exhaustion of the hydro-electric power potential in Madras state have all contributed to the establishment of India's first large-scale utilization of lignite as a source of thermal generation of power. With the exception of the inferior coal deposits of Singareni located north of Hyderabad there is no mineral fuel known to exist in South India except for lignite.³

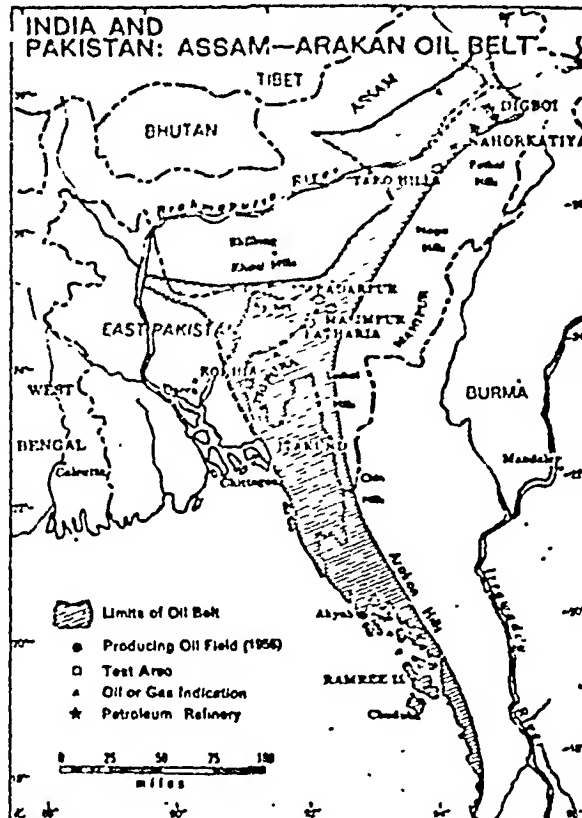
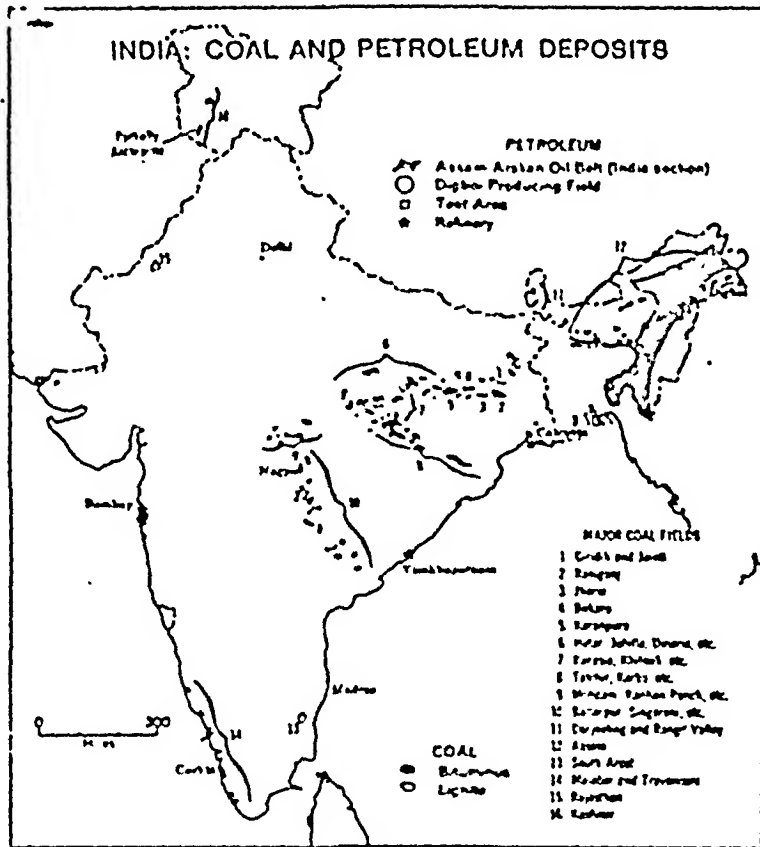
¹ESCAPE, Electric Power, pp. 85-89.

²United Nations Statistical Yearbook, pp. 292-294.

³United Nations 'c Co. . . for the Far East,

Fig. 4.--India: Coal and Petroleum Deposits
India and Pakistan: Assam-Arakan Oil Belt

Source: Platt (ed.), India, p. 336.



plastics industries; kerosene and middle oils will also be produced and finally, if present pilot experiments in East Germany prove successful, lignite products may be used for smelting of the large iron ore deposits from nearby Salem.

Other benefits include the gradual replacement of cow dung for fuel, conservation of standing timber to prevent soil erosion, expansion of cultivated land into areas now being used for the planting of casuarina trees used as firewood and finally, to moderate the political climate of the region through industrial development.

The thermal station will ultimately be generating 1,000 mw of electricity and will be integrated into the hydro-electric power grid. Here, as in other parts of India and Pakistan, the power grids are being meshed so as to sustain a constant supply of power and eliminate the power shortages that have become common during drought periods in areas that depend primarily on a hydro-electric power supply.

Natural gas can also be used for thermal power generation, but its relative importance in India to other available resources is small. The only place where it is known to exist in any quantity is Nahorkatiya, Assam, where a gas turbinised 67,000 kw station is being established and will utilize 5.5 million cubic feet per day. Local cement and fertilizer industries will utilize the bulk of the natural gas. This natural gas reserve may also be used to isolate ethylene, butane and other hydrocarbons to make them available to petrochemical industries. Some discoveries of natural gas have been reported in Gujarat state, but no estimates as to their extent are available.

Oil, too, can be used for thermal power generation, and while

much has been written about the possibilities of future oil discoveries in India, especially in the Assam-Arakan oil belt (Figure 4), the presently known reserves are modest and are reflected in the minor contribution they make to electric generating capacity (Table 42). India's petroleum reserves are estimated to be only 375 million barrels (Table 44) and are found in the Digboi and Nahorkatiya areas of Assam with more reserves expected to be added by the new discovery in the Cambray area of Gujarat.

TABLE 44

PETROLEUM SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF INDIA AND PAKISTAN, 1960

Item	India	Pakistan
	(Barrels per day unless otherwise noted)	
Reserves (million barrels)	375	20
Crude Oil Production	9,246	7,226
Crude Oil Exports	0	0
Crude Oil Imports	103,000	0
Petroleum Refining Capacity	116,100	8,000
Petroleum Refining Capacity under Construction	55,000	30,000
Petroleum Refining Capacity Planned	30,000	-
Petroleum Refining Crude Throughput	110,000	6,173
Refined Products Exports	0	0
Refined Products Imports	40,000	36,000
Petroleum Consumption	150,000	41,900
Per Capita Consumption (U.S. Gallons)	5.65	7.31
% Value of Petroleum to Total Value of Exports on (Imports)	(8.8%)	(9.9%)

Source: United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, Mining Developments in Asia and the Far East, 1960 (Bangkok: United Nations, 1962).

India's current utilization of domestic source is about 8,000

refineries at Gujarat, Cochin and Madras for a combined expansion of about 200,000 barrels per day.¹ The expansion of refinery capacity should result in an increase in the consumption of furnace oil for thermal generation in the future with such thermal stations being located close to the sites of the refineries. The diesel oil contribution to thermal power will probably decrease due to the demand for this product in other sectors. It is expected that thirty-five per cent of the nation's diesel oil requirements will have to be imported by 1965-66.²

The lack of this natural resource not only hampers its contribution to thermal generation of electricity, but also serves as a disadvantage to the overall economy, especially in view of the expected rising demand. It has been estimated that in order to meet the forecasted gross demand for petroleum of 29.5 million tons in 1975, the refining capacity of crude must increase from the current 5 million tons level to 30 million tons and the supply of indigenous oil must increase from 3 million tons in 1960 to 24 million tons by 1975.³ Even in the event that these conditions should be met only a small fraction of the total estimated electricity demand would be met from petroleum fuels for they will be needed in other applications throughout the economy.

India has not been very successful in its oil explorations and perhaps because of some of the terms offered to invited foreign concerns has not yet launched a broad search program. The second plan period

¹The Oil and Gas Journal (January 27, 1964), p. 99.

²ECAFE, Energy Sources, p. 140.

³NCAER, January 1960, p. 112

saw the establishment of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission, but only Rs. 26 crores were spent on oil exploration and this despite the thousands of square miles of sedimentary rock formations known to exist and which invite exploration. There appears to be a potential for future discoveries but exploration activity must be increased. Should there be some large discoveries in oil in the future the pattern of resource utilization for power generation could change drastically and relieve some of the prospective pressure on coal reserves.

The coal reserves of India are impressive and reckoned at over 50,000 million tons. As this estimate included depths of only up to 2,000 feet, there are believed to be additional inferred reserves of 81,000 million tons of coal. However, of this quantity only about 2,800 million tons represent coking coal.¹ The Gondwana Age formations account for most of India's good and high quality coal and are located in the eastern and central parts of the country. The Tertiary age coals, which account for most of India's lignitic coal, are found in parts of Assam, Rajasthan, Punjab and Madras.

The coal reserves of India are unevenly distributed (Figure 4), and help to explain Bombay's dependence on hydro-electric power and Calcutta's utilization of coal from closer fields. This geographical concentration of coal deposits results in coal being a very expensive source of power and fuel for some of the less endowed states with coal prices varying with the distance from the mine pit head.

The amount of coal consumed for power generation has been

¹National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi, Domestic Fuels in India (Bombay: Asia Publishing House, 1959), p. 29, hereafter cited as NCAER, 1959.

increased from 2.8 million tons in 1948 to over eight million tons or about fifteen per cent of the coal produced in 1960 (Table 45). Other major consumers of the total coal production are railways and industries.

TABLE 45
COAL CONSUMPTION IN POWER GENERATION AND
COAL PRICES IN INDIA

Year	Total Coal Production (Million M tons)	Coal Used for Power Generation (Million M tons)	% of Produc- tion Used in Power Gen- eration	Average Price of of Coal Rs. (M ton at pithead)
1948	30.61	2.77	9.0	14.78
1949	32.30	3.06	9.5	14.78
1950	32.82	3.24	9.9	14.22
1951	34.99	3.65	10.4	14.47
1952	36.89	4.00	10.9	14.52
1953	36.56	4.42	12.0	14.47
1954	37.47	4.78	12.8	14.40
1955	38.84	5.25	13.5	14.47
1956	40.07	5.59	13.9	16.31
1957	44.20	6.03	13.7	17.90
1958	46.07	6.59	14.3	18.63
1959	47.68	7.39	15.2	19.22
1960	52.68	8.01	15.2	N.A.
1966	101.0 ^a	15.30	15.2	N.A.
1971	170.0 ^a	25.70	15.1	N.A.

Source: ECAFE, Energy Sources, p. 139.

^aIncludes 4.9 million tons of lignite proposed to be mined in Madras state.

Over three-quarters of India's present coal production comes from the Bengal-Bihar concentration. Coal production has steadily increased from about thirty-one million tons in 1948 to about fifty-three or fifty-four million tons in 1960 as opposed to the planned target of

sixty million tons. As it will be recalled the shortfall between target and achievement caused the public versus private sector to flare up and the government coal policy was modified for the following plan period.

Other aspects of government coal policy include pressing for amalgamation of small inefficient collieries. There are an estimated 834 separate mines, of which 349 have a monthly production of under 1,000 tons.¹ Amalgamation from the point of view of better mining conditions, conservation and better utilization of railroad facilities seems reasonable; however, mechanization here as in agriculture and elsewhere is always faced with the decision of whether to continue or discontinue labor-intensive methods in view of the unemployment problem. Coal production during the second plan period coupled with inadequate transport served as an obstacle to development.

As the industrial sector grows the amount of coal used for generation of power will probably stabilize and then decrease (Table 45) and the conservation of coal will increase. Reserves of coking coal are not abundant and their use is beginning to be limited to certain applications. Anticipated future increases in the price of coal will eliminate the present short run advantage that thermal stations have over hydro stations. As capital costs between hydro stations and large size thermal stations (Table 43) vary little, the advantage should swing to hydro-electric power in the near future with the magnitude of the swing depending on the location of industries and the quality of power planning, among other factors.² The world petroleum situation after 1980 may

¹Platt, India, p. 337.

²NCAER, January, 1960, p. 108.

create uncertainties in supply. Countries such as India with available indigenous coal may turn to coal hydrogenation on a large scale, especially if foreign exchange problems persist.¹ Production of liquid fuels and petro-chemicals from coal would place further pressure on coal reserves and in turn would increase demand for nuclear energy as a supplement..

Taking into account the extent of coal resources, the hydro-electric potential² and the demand through 1975 (Table 46), it is reasonable to conclude that India's sources for power development are ample and should not be a limiting factor in the future push for economic development. After 1975 nuclear power should begin to emerge as an important source of power.

Pakistan's experience in thermal power generation had been at the same time both similar to and different from India's experience. The attempt by both countries to apply domestic energy sources to their thermal power generation has resulted in their utilization of different forms of energy to accomplish a like purpose. The lack of appreciable oil deposits in both nations has created like problems in exploration, the search for import substitutes and the necessity of building refineries on the coast for processing imported crude oil to conserve

¹N. L. Gold, Regional Economic Development and Nuclear Power in India (Washington: National Planning Association, 1957), p. xiv.

²The utilizable hydro-electric potential is estimated at 184,000 million KWH; aggregate demand for power in 1975 is assessed at 130,000 million KWH; in converting coal into electricity it took 0.785 tons of coal to produce 1,000 KWH of electricity in 1955 and by 1975 this figure should drop to 0.600 tons; figures cited are from NACER, January, 1960, pp. 47, 106.

PROJECTED DEMAND FOR PRIMARY ENERGY IN INDIA 1960 AND 1975
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Sector	Net Coal ^a		Electricity		Net Petroleum ^b		Total Primary	
	1960	1975	1960	1975	1960	1975	1960	1975
Agriculture and Allied Activities	1,000	4,000	378	1,800	450	2,280	1,828	8,080
Industry								
Metal and Non-metal	16,960	64,130	6,100	31,500	435	3,375	23,495	99,005
Textiles	2,290	3,380	2,310	5,070	342	1,120	4,942	9,570
Rest	4,890	18,450	2,690	13,800	1,560	8,750	9,140	41,000
Total Industry	24,140	85,960	11,100	50,370	2,337	13,245	37,577	149,575
Transport								
Railways ^c	14,040	20,700	840	4,190	137	1,508	15,017	26,398
Automobiles	--	--	--	--	3,150	13,600	3,150	13,600
Aviation	--	--	--	--	280	1,200	280	1,200
Shipping	450	2,500	--	--	100	340	550	2,840
Total Transport	14,490	23,200	840	4,190	3,667	16,648	18,997	44,038
Domestic								
Heat	4,582	37,305	238	1,625	420	1,670	5,240	40,600
Light	--	--	813	2,840	2,573	3,472	3,386	6,312
Total Domestic	4,582	37,305	1,051	4,465	2,993	5,142	8,626	46,912
Public & Commercial Services	600	3,000	1,072	4,110	--	--	1,672	7,110
Miscellaneous & Unaccounted for^d	1,000	4,000	--	--	250	900	1,250	4,900
Effective Consumption	45,812	157,465	14,441	64,935	9,697	38,215	69,950	260,615

Source: NCAER, January, 1960, pp. 133, 136.

^aExcluding coal used in electricity generation. ^bExcluding petroleum used in electricity generation. ^cIncluding coal and petroleum carried by railways. ^dIncluding construction-- Nil or negligible.

foreign exchange.

The oil reserves of Pakistan stand at only twenty million barrels (Table 44). Indigenous petroleum production, which at present is supplying about fourteen per cent of the country's needs, is concentrated in the Potwar Basin in northwestern Punjab. As there is but one refinery in the country, the Attock Oil Company located near the national capital of Rawalpindi, imported refined petroleum products are costing Pakistan Rs. 264 million (U.S. \$55.6 million) per annum.¹ This situation should be relieved somewhat by the new Rs. 120 million refinery going up at Karachi which will process 1.5 million tons of imported crude a year and save about Rs. 30 million in foreign exchange a year. A refinery at Chittagong is also being contemplated.

The Pakistani government is encouraging exploration, but at present there are only four foreign rotary rigs drilling in the country.² However, the Assam-Arakan Oil Belt area (Figure 4), where chances for success may be more likely, is an extremely difficult area to explore due to the rugged terrain, dense forest and wet conditions.

East Pakistan, especially the area west of the Jamuna-Padma River system, is dependent on imported furnace and diesel oil as well as imported Indian coal for most of its thermal power generation. While some lignite deposits do exist in East Pakistan, they are undeveloped (Figure 5). The seams, though exploitable, are largely located under water.

The area east of the Jamuna-Padma has received some relief

¹ECAFE, Petroleum Resources, p. 195.

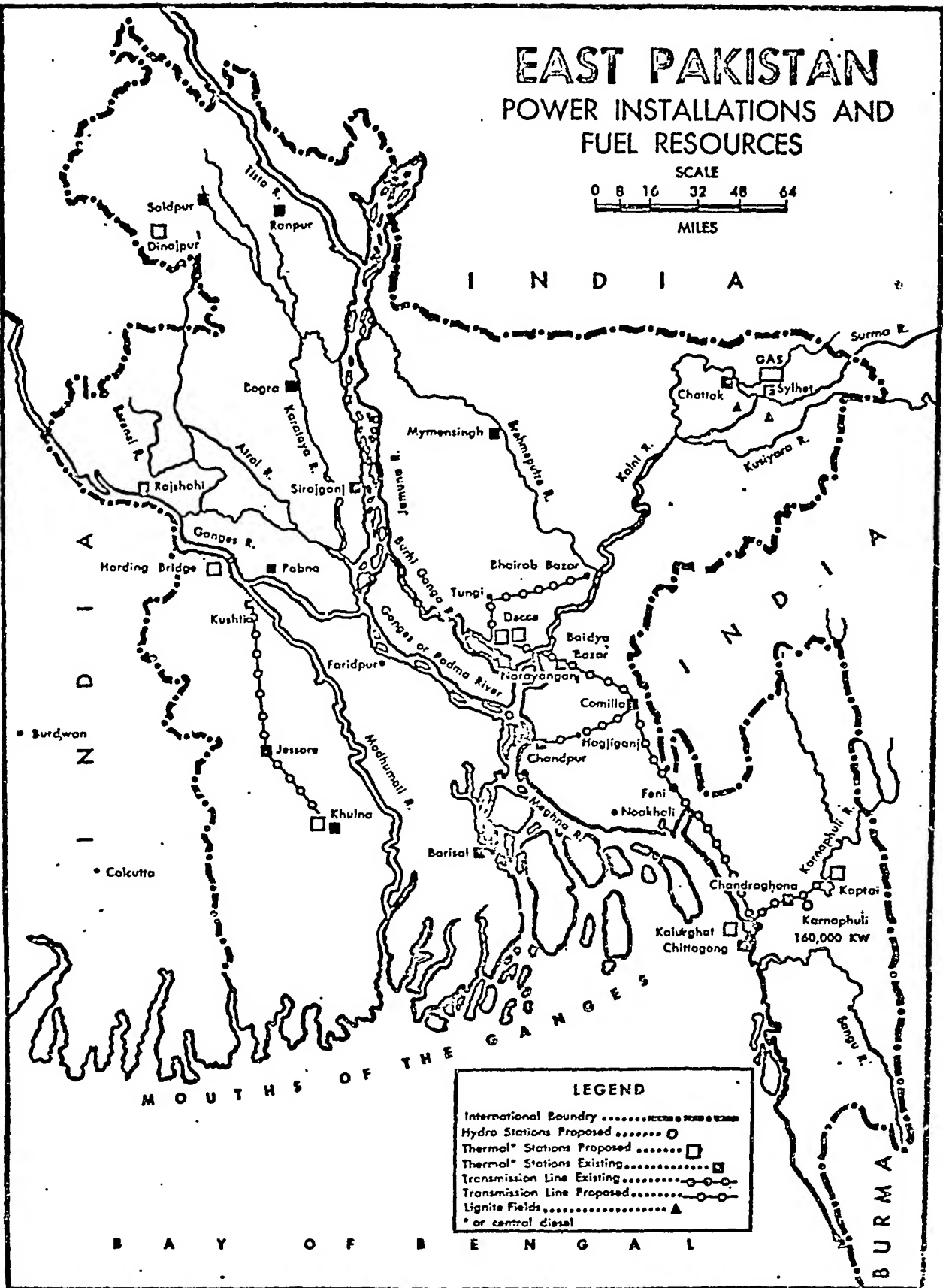
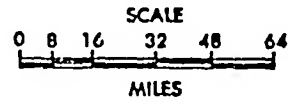
²The Oil and Gas Journal (January 27, 1964), p. 122.

Fig. 5.--East Pakistan, Power Installations and Fuel Resources

Source: M. D. Kilbridge, The Prospect of Nuclear Power in Pakistan (Washington: National Planning Association, 1958), p. 20.

EAST PAKISTAN

POWER INSTALLATIONS AND FUEL RESOURCES



from its power-poor condition by the 1956 discovery of a large natural gas field at Sylhet which has reserves of about 280,000 million cubic feet. Another field was discovered at nearby Chattak with reserves estimated at 20,000 million cubic feet. This natural gas forms the basis for not only thermal power to local industry, which is rapidly converting its present oil burners, but also will become an important factor in enlarging domestic fertilizer production.

Workable coal reserves of West Pakistan are estimated at 165 million tons of which 77 million tons are in the Baluchistan area, 24 million in the Trans-Indus region and the rest in the Salt Range.¹ Most of the coal is of poorer quality, being high in sulfur and ash content rendering it unsuitable for most thermal power stations.

Pakistan consumes about two million tons of coal a year but produces only about thirty per cent of its requirements. It would appear from recent studies² that the relative inferiority of Pakistan's coal is not necessarily the main deterrent to increased consumption of domestic coal as is the lack of investment and efficiency of the present mines.

The Pakistan Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC), a public authority which promotes industrial projects that private enterprise has been unable or unwilling to enter into, is helping to reorganize the coal mining industry by consolidation of smaller collieries and expects to

¹Andrus, p. 206.

²M. D. Kilbridge, The Prospect of Nuclear Power in Pakistan (Washington: National Planning Association, 1958), p. 18. The author reports that the average heating value of Pakistan coal is about 10,000 BTU per pound as compared with 12,000 BTU per pound of delivered Indian coal.

establish four units which will each have a producing capacity of 3,000 tons of coal a day. Briquetting will receive heavy emphasis with the result that greater use of domestic supplies of coal will be made in the future.

Natural gas is a major source of power in West Pakistan where, at Sui, is located one of the world's ten largest known gas fields, with a reserve of five trillion cubic feet (Figure 6). Had it not been for this discovery some five years after independence, West Pakistan's power position would indeed be weak. This resource undoubtedly forms a large basis for increased economic development in this part of Pakistan. Sui gas is replacing formerly imported coal and oil used by industry. Pipelines are being constructed to the north and south as the field lies midway between the industrial south and the agricultural north. The gas will be important to fertilizer and petro-chemical industries and is presently used to some extent for domestic heating. Natural gas is expected to account for a large percentage of the planned increase in thermal generating capacity (Table 41) and helps to explain the planning authorities' statement that, ". . . the new thermal stations included in the Plan are all based on indigenous fuels."¹

The very rapid utilization of this resource provides another example of the import substitution policy at work. Had the discovery not been made, some of the existing industries might not have evolved. Imports of fuels may have been necessary if development was to take place. In lieu of any substantial investment or important

¹PSFYP, p. 212.

Fig. 6.--West Pakistan, Power Installations and Fuel Resources.

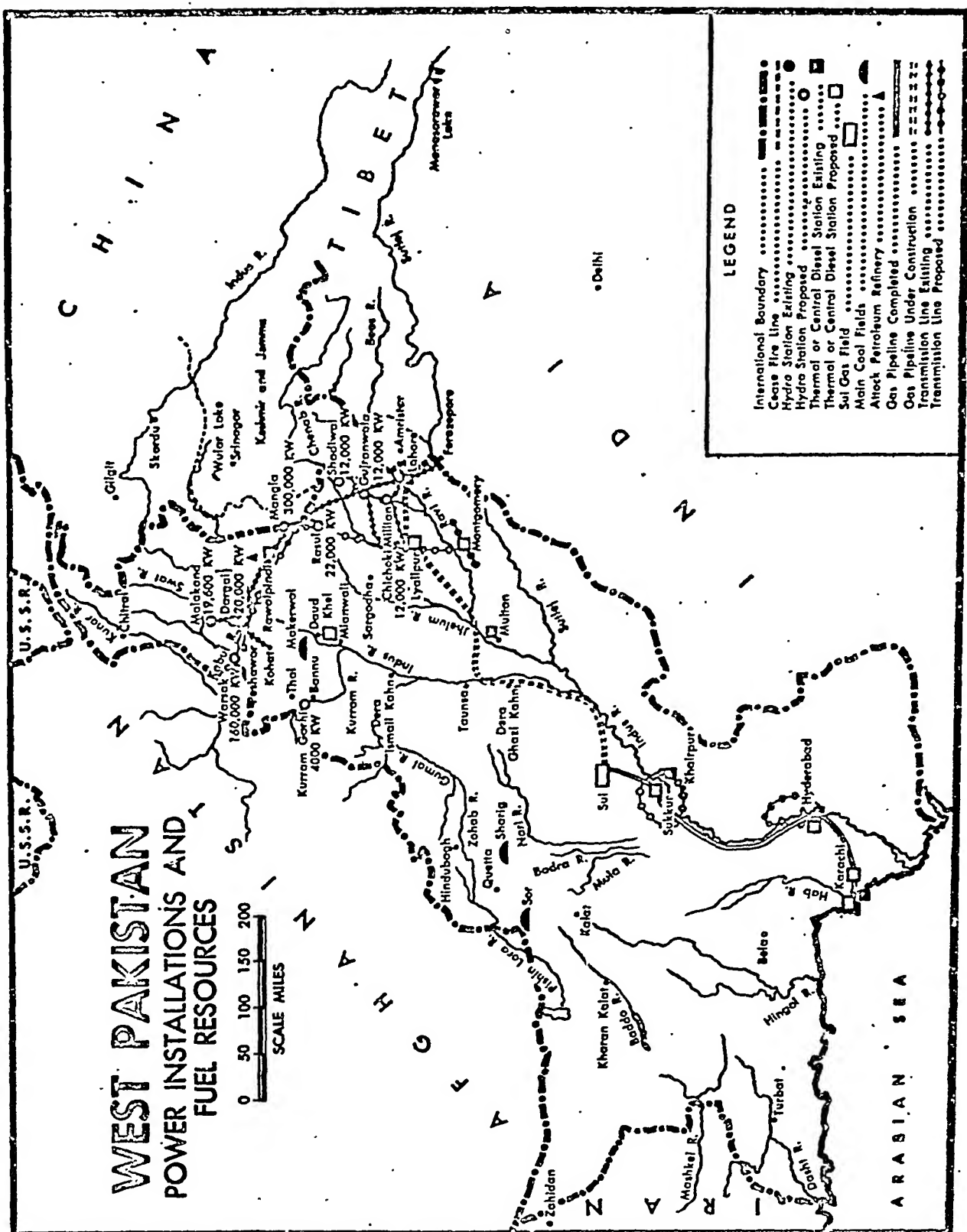
Source: Killbridge, p. 44.

WEST PAKISTAN POWER INSTALLATIONS AND FUEL RESOURCES

0 50 100 150 200
SCALE MILES

LEGEND

- International Boundary
- Cease Fire Line
- Hydro Station Existing
- Hydro Station Proposed
- Thermal or Central Diesel Station Existing
- Thermal or Central Diesel Station Proposed
- Sul Gas Field
- Main Coal Fields
- Atomic Petroleum Refinery
- Gas Pipeline Completed
- Gas Pipeline Under Construction
- Transmission Line Existing
- Transmission Line Proposed



discoveries of oil or coal, Pakistan's future power development will be based largely on gas and water sources as opposed to India's coal and water sources.

There will, of course, be areas that hydro power and gas based power will not be able to reach. It is in these areas where application of nuclear energy may prove feasible as the costs of producing such power decreases and demand for power increases.

While nuclear power is not currently competitive with other power sources, its future possibilities as an alternate energy source are quite important. The more remote parts of Pakistan, which are presently being served by diesel oil, may in the future find small nuclear power plants in the 2,000 kw to 5,000 kw range competitive.¹

However, for the next fifteen to twenty years it does not appear that nuclear power will play an important role in Pakistan.

With a view to the future, Pakistan intends to establish a nuclear accelerator of ten to fifteen mev in East Pakistan and an Institute of Nuclear Research and Reactor Technology equipped with a swimming pool research reactor of one to fifteen mev. Also included in the Rs. 46.5 million to be spent is the provision for exploration for radio-active minerals and the training of personnel to man the future atomic energy program. The latter consideration perhaps constitutes the single most important limiting factor in future atomic power development.

India's progress in this power field has gone a bit further than that of Pakistan. Having the advantage of indigenous natural resources

¹Kilbridge, pp. 55-56.

on which to build future nuclear power development, India will start to feed nuclear based electricity into existing power grids in the near future. This electricity will be a by-product of an initially costly first stage development of India's atomic energy program.

The country's long-run nuclear power program may be based on a thorium fuel cycle rather than on uranium as has been the case in the past of most other countries' atomic power development programs. The reason for this lies in the fact that India has one of the largest known deposits of thorium in the world and desires to be self-sufficient in its future atomic power development. India is expanding research into thorium applications as there has been a dearth of such research elsewhere in the world. This activity seems to illustrate the point that a large abundance of a given natural resource may stimulate the evolution of a technology designed to expand its use.

Reserves are estimated at 500,000 tons of ore containing nine per cent thorium and are found largely in the monazite beach sands of Kerala, Madras and Orissa while on the other hand, known uranium reserves are only about 30,000 tons found also in monazite sands as well as the Bihar copper area and Aravelli Range in Rajasthan.¹ The total known reserves of Indian uranium and thorium according to Dr. H. J. Bhabha, are equivalent to more than fifteen times the reserves of coal.²

As one ton of uranium is said to have the potentialities of producing as much electricity as 10,000 tons of coal, it follows that a great burden could be lifted from the transportation system. While

¹ECAFE, Energy Sources, p. 141.

²Gold, p. 121. .

nuclear stations are not as yet competitive with other types of power stations, the necessity of training technicians to administer and operate the nuclear reactors of the future has influenced India to begin the first stage of her three stage program.¹

Stage 1--Uranium fueled reactors to generate electricity and produce plutonium.

Stage 2--Reactors with plutonium using thorium as blanket material to generate electricity and produce U-233.

Stage 3--Thorium and U233 used in breeder reactors to produce electricity and more U233 than used initially.

Consequently the future calls for construction of a 380 mw plant based on enriched uranium fuel to be located at Tarapur, Maharashtra, with United States financial and technical assistance.² India's first uranium ore processing plant is being established at Juduguda, Bihar, at a cost of Rs. 49 crores and expects to be producing 1,000 tpd of ore by 1964. The function of this plant is to supply fuel for the Tarapur power plant.³

Before turning to the other sources of inanimate energy, India and Pakistan's progress toward electrification of towns and villages should be noted for this is one area in which the impact of economic development becomes more obvious to many persons in both countries who may feel removed from the present stream of development activity. Indian electrified towns and villages are planned to increase from the 9,400

¹ECAFE, Energy Sources, p. 142.

²"GE gets Contract for Indian Plant thru AID Loan," International Commerce (July 15, 1963), p. 14.

³Engineering and Mining Journal (August, 1963), p. 187.

which were electrified at the end of the first plan to about 46,000 by the end of the third plan. In Pakistan, currently all fifty-six towns with a population of over 25,000 are electrified, but only sixty-four of the 186 towns of populations from 5,000 to 25,000 have electricity. The future calls for an outlay of Rs. 250 million with the expectation that fifty additional towns will be electrified and the number of electrified villages will increase to 2,370 out of the existing 100,000 villages. The slow progress in electrifying the rural areas may be expected to change to some degree, especially in India, as the location pattern of thermal coal based stations changes.

The policy in India of locating coal based power stations close to electricity consuming urban areas is slowly changing to one of locating near pit heads and transmitting the power to towns and villages within a 200 mile range.¹ Of the many factors involved the major consideration seems to be the conservation of metallurgical coal for the expanding iron and steel industry as well as the conservation of higher quality coal for railway consumption. Since the more inferior grades of coal have now been assigned to thermal generation wherever possible, it becomes cheaper in many instances to transmit the power rather than to haul coal over the particular distance. This policy should result in greater dispersal of industries, bring electricity to more villages and assist in greater utilization of electricity by agriculture and cottage industries.

While this study has gone into some detail concerning the sources of power development in Pakistan and India due to their infra-

¹ECAFE, Energy Sources, p. 140.

structure importance, it may be worthwhile to note that electricity's contribution to the inanimate energy consumption pattern is still relatively small. For instance, of the inanimate energy consumed in India in 1960 electricity accounted for 8.2 per cent of the total used. (Table 47.) In turn, inanimate sources of power were estimated to provide only one-third of the total power expended in both countries with the rest accounted for by man and draft animals.¹

Other Sources of Inanimate Energy

As is evident from the preceding table and other studies there is no firm agreement on how much cow dung, wood and vegetal fuel is consumed except that the amount is substantial. In preparing the third plan, Indian planners estimated that non-commercial sources of energy accounted for 60.6 per cent of the total inanimate energy consumed in 1960-61 broken down as follows: cattle dung 27.9 per cent, fuel wood 21.2 per cent and agricultural waste 11.5 per cent.² Of the annually available 1,200 million tons (wet weight) of cattle dung, 400 million tons were burned as fuel, 215 million tons were used as manure with the balance being lost or wasted. Wood used as fuel for domestic and industrial purposes amounted to sixty million tons a year. Translated into coal equivalent terms the fuelwood amount to 35 millions tons and dung to 46 million tons for a total of 81 million tons, a figure somewhat below those cited in Table 47. While figures for Pakistan were

¹Office of International Trade, U.S. Department of Commerce, Investment in India (Washington: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1953), p. 73 as cited in Platt, India, p. 327.

²ITFYP, p. 194.

CONSUMPTION OF INANIMATE ENERGY IN INDIA--SUMMARY OF DIFFERENT ESTIMATES

Item	1947 ^a	1952 ^b	1952 ^c	1953 ^d	1954 ^e	1955 ^f	1955 ^g	1960
(million metric tons coal equivalent)								
A. Commercial								
Coal	30.07	35.56	33.32	33.73	28.79	36.10	37.19	55.46
Petroleum Products	3.10	6.10	4.77	6.10	5.21	6.26	5.49	10.25
Hydro-electricity	0.26	1.02	0.38	0.41	4.57	3.10	2.13	5.52
Total Commercial	33.43	42.68	38.47	40.24	38.57	45.46	44.81	71.23
B. Non-Commercial								
Cattle Dung	103.6	40.64		140.72	91.44			
Wood, Vegetal Fuels	4.7	43.70	83.62	3.25	9.86	95.23	101.60	100.00
Total Non-Commercial	108.3	84.34	83.62	143.97	101.30	95.23	101.60	100.00
Total	141.73	127.02	122.09	184.21	139.87	140.69	146.41	171.23
Total energy used as electricity	4.27	6.44	6.44	6.88	7.49	8.32	8.32	14.01
A. Commercial								
Coal	21.0	28.0	27.3	18.3	20.6	25.7	25.4	32.4
Petroleum Products	2.2	4.8	3.9	3.3	3.6	4.4	3.7	5.9
Hydro-electricity	0.2	0.8	0.3	0.2	3.3	2.2	1.5	3.3
Total Commercial	23.6	33.6	31.5	21.8	27.6	32.3	30.6	41.6
B. Non-commercial								
Cattle Dung	73.1	32.0		76.4	65.4			
Wood, Vegetal Fuels	3.3	34.3	68.5	1.8	7.0	67.7	69.4	58.4
Total Non-Commercial	76.4	66.4	68.5	78.2	72.4	67.7	69.4	58.4
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Total used as electricity	3.0	5.0	5.2	3.7	5.3	5.9	5.7	8.2

Source: ECAFE, Energy Sources, p. 138.

^aC. G. Putnam estimate; ^bM. N. Saha estimate; ^cInternational Conference on Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy estimate; ^dH. J. Bhabha estimate; ^eBurmah-Shell Oil Company estimate; ^fNCAER estimate; ^gCommittee on Requirements and Utilization of Coal.

not available for comparison widespread burning of dung cakes for fuel continues in lieu of other sources of fuel.

In any case, the amount of dung used as fuel is considerable. The economic implications to agriculture and the food problem are evident since one ton of dung apparently contains about 0.3 per cent nitrogen. The 400 million tons burned in India represents 1,200,000 tons of nitrogen. According to some authorities, "Agriculture evidence indicates that the treatment of farm yard manure gives a response of five to fifteen pounds per pound of nitrogen depending upon the nature of soil, watering and other factors."¹ In assuming an average of ten pounds, the 1,200,000 tons of nitrogen would yield twelve million tons of food grains.

The recommendation that it is preferable that cattle dung be used as manure has, of course, been made on numerous occasions. The reason for the widespread use of dung as fuel in rural areas is apparently not due to any lack of knowledge concerning its manuring value but rather is due to the shortage of firewood. However, due to the long duration of this practice, any widespread substitution of other fuel materials for dung would have to be accompanied by either mass persuasion of the women villagers who have become accustomed to slow low temperature combustion in their manner of food preparation or a readily available fuel burner providing similar results.

This problem would not apply to the areas where firewood is abundant, and is used as the main source of heating. Indian studies have revealed that in areas with readily available wood, dung is used

¹NCAER, 1959, p. 18.

primarily as a manure. Even though sizeable amounts of dung are burned as fuel, firewood continues to be the main source of domestic heat in both rural and urban India (Table. 48).

TABLE 48

SOURCES OF INDIAN DOMESTIC HEAT CONSUMPTION 1956
(million tons of coal equivalent)

Fuel	Urban	Rural	Total
Coal	2.0	--	2.0
Electricity	0.2	--	0.2
Kerosene	0.3	--	0.3
Dung	4.0	35.0	39.0
Firewood	13.5	42.0	55.5
Total	20.0	77.0	97.0

Source: NCAER, 1959, p. 15.

The present pattern of burning dung for fuel will probably continue until such time as the problem is tackled on a local level through afforestation and land management programs. Dr. B. P. Pal of the Indian Agricultural Institute believes it should be possible to eliminate the use of dung cakes and meet the demands of the villages through fuelwood by:¹

1. Assigning fifty acres on one side of a village to tree farming. Such a plan would make fuel-wood available from the seventh year of planting.
2. Transporting wood from other forests within thirty miles of the village.

The capital and running expenses in such a scheme would be minute when compared to what would be necessary should coal be used

¹Ibid., p. 21.

as the substitute. The enlarged coal production might entail capital of RS. 125 to 150 crores; a sixty per cent increase in current rail capacity would be needed and present rail transport capacity would have to be at least doubled to solve the distribution problem. It is presently estimated that there will be a 100 million ton shortage of fuel wood in India by 1975.

Summary and Conclusions

A basic requirement of economic development is a nation's infrastructure, and power and fuels form vital ingredients of this infrastructure. Improvements in power and fuels provide added vitality to agriculture, a foundation for industrialization and improve effectiveness in other sectors.

Applying the per capita energy consumption yardstick to India and Pakistan reveals India's 140 kilograms consumption in terms of coal equivalent to be more than twice that of Pakistan. With the exception of power-poor East Pakistan, the demand for power by most areas of the subcontinent is being met by the present capacity. Power crises, however, occur when facilities break down. Present consumption levels are still quite low when compared to more economically advanced nations where per capita consumption of over 2,000 kilograms is common.

While electric power is not the major form of energy used on the subcontinent today, having provided only 8.2 per cent of the total inanimate energy consumed in India in 1960, its future development will be of great importance to both countries. Because of the multiplicity

of its application, this advanced type of energy has, in the past, contributed importantly to the progress of other countries.

Future power development will be affected by the nature of the demands as well as the capabilities of the two nations in providing the natural resources needed to meet the demands. Past consumption has come primarily from industry and urban centers and this pattern of consumption is expected to continue. Increased rural demand will stem from developments in water management and village electrification.

The role of natural resources in the progress of this sector is straightforward. The different power installations largely depend on the available resource bases. The kinds, amounts and qualities of these natural resources help to influence the direction of power expansion as well as the direction of economic development in general. Water, natural gas, coal, lignite, oil and atomic materials are the main resources available on the subcontinent for power development.

Partitioning of the subcontinent provided India a wide advantage over Pakistan in the availability of resource bases for power growth. This advantage is large not only in the quantity of resources but their quality and application capabilities.

The coal reserves of India are gigantic when compared with those of Pakistan. The meager coal endowment of Pakistan is also of poorer quality and cannot readily be adapted to thermal power generation. The reserves of lignite that exist in East Pakistan are under water and have not been utilized while the 2,500 million tons found in India have begun to be exploited and are forming the basis of regional economic development in the southern part of the country.

The natural gas reserves of India are minimal while Pakistan possesses 5 trillion cubic feet in West Pakistan and 380,000 million cubic feet in East Pakistan. In light of the paucity of coal and other power fuels and resources in Pakistan, it is fortunate that these large pools of natural gas exist. However, while natural gas may be readily substituted for coal in power production, it does not possess the wide range of application that coal enjoys.

The advantage that India holds over Pakistan in power resources also extends to water resources. India has an estimated potential of 41 million kw as compared with Pakistan's 10.3 million kw potential. All but one million kw of Pakistan's potential is in West Pakistan where, unfortunately, a number of the best sites and areas of broadest potential are located in distant mountain areas and away from centers of population.

The oil potential of the subcontinent is unknown at present. The petroleum reserves of India are estimated at 375 million barrels while the reserves of Pakistan stand at only 20 million barrels. Neither of these reserve pools begins to answer the requirements of the two nations and both have resorted to building seacoast refineries to process imported crude petroleum. Difficult terrain conditions and lack of attractive incentives to attract foreign exploration have left the potential of the Assam-Arakan Oil Belt unknown. While both countries would benefit from such knowledge, it would especially behoove Pakistan to know its oil potential in light of its limited resources base.

India's power potential, consisting of massive coal reserves, a hydro potential which will be twelve per cent realized by 1966 and one of the largest thorium deposits in the world, is a much stronger

resource base than Pakistan's large pools of natural gas and hydro potential which will be only 3.5 per cent utilized in 1965. Even though both countries have foreign exchange problems, India has the opportunity of picking and choosing which local resources to develop while Pakistan with its fewer resources is more limited.

As coal consumption increases in India because of increased industry consumption and coal prices rise as anticipated, the capital cost advantages will swing from thermal stations to hydro-electric stations in some areas of the country. If domestic petroleum reserves do not change and the foreign supply becomes uncertain, India may use its coal reserves to produce liquid fuels and petro-chemicals. Such a situation would probably result in the expansion of nuclear energy as a source for power.

Assuming that the coal and petroleum situation does not change in Pakistan, natural gas will be increasingly substituted for these resources. The substitution will be aimed at relieving imports of these resources in the power and fuel applications in industry. How much can be done to take pressure off household consumption of dung and wood by use of gas remains to be seen.

In discussing the substitution of one resource for another, writers generally take the favorable view that the process demonstrates a country's ability to be flexible and ingenious in solving a shortage problem and that this is evidence that no single natural resource is particularly important. The substitution of cattle dung for fuelwood on the subcontinent has not proved to be a desirable solution. Failure to attend to the fuel needs in each country has resulted in robbing its

agricultural sector of readily available fertilizer with which to increase foodgrain yields. A rough estimate places the loss in India at about 12 million tons of foodgrains a year. Thus, substitution of one natural resource for another may at times result in merely shifting pressures from one area to another without resolving the original problem.

The fuelwood problem needs immediate attention in both countries. As the demand is expected to keep increasing the best course of action among the alternatives appears to be simply growing more trees. To increase the amount of dung burned would be wasteful and to attempt to substitute coal or other fuel for wood may not be economically feasible at present. Village tree farming would require setting aside a certain amount of land for this purpose in each village and persuading the villagers to manage it on a joint basis. The community development and village aid agencies of both countries probably would be the vehicle for implementation of such a broad range project.

The natural resources India has available for power are ample to meet forecasted demand and should not be a limiting factor in future economic development. In lieu of future discoveries of additional resources, the success of Pakistan in meeting future power and fuel needs will largely hinge on the ability of that country to substitute gas and water wherever possible in applications now using imported materials and local resources which are in short supply. It may also be possible to pay for needed imports by the export of natural gas in liquid form.

CHAPTER VI

MINERALS, AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND INDUSTRY

The purpose of this chapter is to examine the part played by minerals and agricultural products in the economic development of Pakistan and India and especially as they are related to the industrial sector of each country. Such natural resources influence the direction of a country's economic development with this influence perhaps best demonstrated by the composition of industry that evolves within the nation. Even more direct is the role played by production surpluses whereby exports earn foreign exchange and in turn enable import of needed capital goods for the broad program of development.

Both nations are following an import substitution policy wherever possible in order to conserve foreign exchange. They are endeavoring to establish local industry to produce many of the requirements that have had to be imported. Pakistan has stated flatly, "New capacity is to be established where it demonstrably and substantially earns or saves foreign exchange or is based in the main on the use of indigenous raw materials."¹

An important ingredient of such a policy is the availability of indigenous raw materials because this factor will affect the path that these endeavors can take. It follows that the greater the variety,

¹PSFYP, p. 5.

extent and quality of available natural resources the greater the flexibility a country has in applying an import-substitution and foreign exchange conservation policy. It is but a short step to the conclusion that, other factors being equal, a greater abundance of natural resources puts a country in a more favorable position to achieve sustained growth than a country without such an abundance.

General writings which have placed less emphasis on the role of natural resources to development have cited countries that have an abundance of natural resources but are not developed and Japan's experience as evidence that an abundance of natural resources is not required to achieve sustained growth. The problem with such evidence is that it is merely describing a set of circumstances which have existed within two different countries. It does not materially add to our knowledge of the importance of natural resources to development aside from pointing out that natural resources by themselves will not cause or assure economic development as in the case of the well endowed underdeveloped country and that an abundance of natural resources need not be a pre-condition to economic advancement as in the case of Japan.

To single out the natural resource factor in these two instances and by implication render them less important is not meaningful especially if economic growth is viewed in its entirety. It is becoming widely accepted that rather than any single factor being responsible for economic growth there are a group of factors involved of which the natural resource factor is but one.

The number of countries with meager natural resources at

their command that have matured economically is not large. In the long run these instances may become characterized as exceptions. This kind of achievement is remarkable in light of the experiences of other developed countries and the fact that there are a host of nations existing today which are well endowed with natural resources but which have not developed. The fact that a very few nations have been able to take advantage of a fortuitous set of circumstances at a particular time in their history seems insufficient reason to assume that the contribution of natural resources to development will be minor. It seems more reasonable to assume that if the other factors involved in economic growth are favorable, the task will be easier for a country which has an abundance of natural resources than for one which does not.

Found in the mineral and agricultural bases of India and Pakistan are the raw materials upon which depend the mining and some harvesting activities of these two sectors as well as their related processing industries. The linkage is further extended because the by-products of these processing activities in turn provide the basis for other activities in the industrial sectors of both economies. Such a treatment of a country's industrialization experience does not imply that natural resources are a causative factor in the establishment of a certain industry. If capital and the other necessary factors exist, the factor of raw materials, if in short supply, can perhaps be imported. However, in the case of India and Pakistan where the factor of foreign exchange is a problem and import policies are biased in the direction of development imports such as various forms

of capital equipment, the availability of domestic natural resources helps to determine what will be produced at home.

Pakistan, following independence, found itself low in industrial capacity despite the existence of sizeable raw material resources in jute, cotton, bamboo, hides and skins, and oilseeds. Aside from some cotton textile mills, cement and sugar plants and a single electric steel furnace and shoe factory, most of the raw material and food processing units were small.¹ Reasons for this situation go back into the past where, in undivided India, industry had tended to cluster around port cities and the natural resources of coal, iron and fuels.² No sizeable Muslim entrepreneurial class was to emerge until after independence. Areas that once served as suppliers of raw materials such as East Bengal with its jute and Punjab with its cotton now became Pakistan territory. Prior to independence different regions of the subcontinent tended to complement each other, but following partition both nations embarked on courses that would remove dependence upon the other's products and raw materials.

Cotton, which is grown mainly on the irrigated lands in West Pakistan, and jute, which is mostly grown in East Pakistan, represent this country's main cash crops. They support the two major industries, and provide over fifty-two per cent of the total export earnings. Since independence, Pakistan has succeeded in moving steadily from a position of raw material exporter of jute and cotton to one also of textile manufacturer for both domestic and foreign consumption.

¹Andrus, p. 166

²Ibid., p. 167

The present status of Pakistan's textile industry and the part it plays in the current economy has been detailed previously.

While Pakistan can be proud of the progress achieved over a very short time in textiles, continued heavy dependence on raw jute and cotton as well as manufactures from these materials for the purpose of export earnings places the country in a vulnerable position. Many nations, which have the requisite climatic conditions, strive to become relatively self-sufficient in textiles and hope to develop an export trade in this field. Hence, competition in world markets is strong with many nations resorting to tariffs to protect their own industries.

A natural monopoly in jute had existed on the subcontinent for many decades; however, this picture is also changing. India turned to raw jute production to remove the dependence Calcutta had on Pakistan jute. Pakistan, in turn, built up a processing capacity from no jute looms at independence to a current 9,000 looms. This was largely accomplished through the equal effort of private and public enterprise via the PIDC. At present India accounts for about thirty-three per cent and Pakistan about forty-seven per cent of the world's total raw jute production with India using about 1.7 million acres of land and Pakistan 1.5 million acres.¹ Since eighty per cent of India's sown area (Table 34) and eighty-five per cent of Pakistan's cultivated land (Table 35) is turned over to foodgrain production and the food enigma continues, it is unlikely that jute, cotton and other cash crops can expect to use more land for expansion but rather will

¹"Jute Industry in Recent Years," The United Commercial Bank Review (October, 1960), p. 6.

have to concentrate on increasing their yields per acre.

India was more active than Pakistan in production of jute manufactures (Table 49) as the latter had considerably less manufacturing capacity and exported most of the jute crop in raw form. India's share of the total world jute goods market was about eighty per cent.

The rising prices of jute, the emergence of substitutes and different methods of handling bulk goods could hamper future export levels of jute unless both nations undertake measures to cope with the competition. Paper bags, for example, are replacing jute bags in the United States in the movement of various goods ranging from cement and fertilizers to flour and chemicals. Grain is being increasingly exported in bulk both within countries and between countries. Kenaf, another vegetable fiber, is almost interchangeable with jute¹ and is being grown in a number of countries. Man made fibers also can be expected to provide future competition. While jute has benefitted in the past from subsidies, controlled prices, technical aid, and tariff walls, more attention is needed to make jute competitive not only in price but also in terms of application. Expanded research into the farming aspects of jute as well as into new possible uses coupled with aggressive international marketing could conceivably assure present position maintenance in the world market before the substitutes take hold.

The significance of these cash crops and other agricultural materials in relation to other exports is reflected in Tables 50 and 51. The composition of the export trade of both countries is overwhelmingly

¹"Jute Industry in Recent Years," p. 6.

TABLE 49
PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF JUTE GOODS IN INDIA AND PAKISTAN

Year	India		Pakistan					
	Hessian (000 tons) Production Export	Lacking (000 tons) Production Export	Hessian (000 tons) Production Export	Lacking (000 tons) Production Export				
1955-56	403.0	395.9	622.9	414.2	30.2	24.2	94.5	60.7
1956-57	428.3	422.1	526.8	392.3	35.7	27.8	105.3	53.4
1957-58	391.7	384.3	596.7	386.6	39.8	33.7	112.5	73.8
1958-59	446.4	452.2	509.6	327.8	51.8	42.3	140.8	91.2

Source: Annual Summary of Jute and Gunny Statistics, 1949--Indian Jute Mills Association as cited in "Jute Industry in Recent Years," p. 8.

TABLE 50

PAKISTAN FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS DURING
FIRST PLAN AND FORECAST
(million rupees)

Item	Total 1955-60	Annual Average First Plan	Total Second Plan	Annual Average Second Plan
Raw Jute	4,212	843	4,000	800
Jute Manufacturers	685	137	1,335	267
Raw Cotton and Manufacture	1,938	388	1,900	380
Hides and Skins	251	50	210	42
Wool	417	84	400	80
Tea	155	31	245	49
Miscellaneous Exports	795	159	1,440	288
Invisible Receipts	1,098	220	1,070	214
	9,554	1,912	10,600	2,120

Source: PSFYP, pp. 83 and 91.

TABLE 51

INDIAN PATTERN OF EXPORTS 1951-60
(Rs. Crores)

Item	1950-51	1955-56	1959-60
1. Agricultural commodities and related manufactures (Cotton and Jute manufactures in- cluded in Item 1)	496.5	489.3	473.6
	250.5	181.7	180.5
2. Other manufactures New manufactured products (included in Item 2)	58.4	61.0	105.0
	8.9	8.6	25.0
3. Minerals	23.4	34.4	53.0
TOTAL	578.3	584.7	631.6

Source: TFYP, p. 135.

in favor of agriculturally associated products, raw materials and mineral resources with manufactured goods accounting for the remaining small portion of the total.

The forest resources of East Pakistan, though admittedly small in terms of the fuel and industrial wood product requirements of Pakistan, have nevertheless assisted in making the country self-sufficient in paper with capacity going from zero to about 43,000 tons. The soft woods of the Sunderbuns provide the raw material base for newsprint production. As present domestic demand has been met, future annual exports of newsprint as well as mechanical paper should run roughly 10,000 tons each. Other paper industries in both of the provinces utilize grasses, harvested grain straw and bamboo in manufacturing paperboard, straw-board and hardboard. Some of these products have the capability of being substituted for wood product applications.

India is not self-sufficient in paper and newsprint although the present capacity stands at 400,000 tons. Aims to double the paper capacity and increase newsprint five-fold will result in a shortage of bamboo and a shift to bagasse as an alternative. In turn the sugar mills will now have to find an alternative fuel for bagasse in their production.¹

Tea also earns foreign exchange for both countries and has been India's leading export earner. Any expansion of this commodity into export channels would have to be accompanied by measures designed to stimulate more tea drinking where present demand is small. At present India's tea production, aside from home consumption, is closely

¹ITFYP, p. 489.

aligned with demand for tea in the United Kingdom where the per capita consumption is over ten pounds.¹ As subcontinent tea is not listed among the top quality flavor teas and the chances of improving the quality are not good due to the climate's influence on the flavor, the possibilities for any large scale increase in tea exports appear limited.

Hides and skins which also are exported will probably diminish in standing in the future due to higher internal demand for these products. Quality is also a problem in this field for both nations and the future exports may have to take the form of specialized leather goods.

Tobacco production is more prominent in India than in Pakistan and the former ranks third largest in world production of this commodity. However, Indian tobacco surplus has amounted to only 28,000 tons in 1960-61.² Pakistan, while proud of its new cigarette industry which started from no capacity at partition and now annually produces about 9,000 million cigarettes, has had to import tobacco. Foreign exchange problems have stimulated research to develop a local source of tobacco to replace the presently imported bidi leaves.

Coffee is an influential commodity in the economy of South India. This commodity supports such satellite activities as curing, grinding, roasting and packaging and its annual production is valued

¹"India's Foreign Trade," The United Commercial Bank Review (January, 1960), p. 14.

²"India's Agricultural Revolution," The United Commercial Bank Review (October, 1962), p. 2.

at about Rs. 10 crores.¹ The country consumes over one-half of its production, but its production is not significant, 34,000 tons in 1955-56, when viewed in terms of world consumption which amounted to 2.2 million tons in the same year. As the coffee exports go mainly to countries of the European Economic Community, competition can be expected to increase from African nations which have preferred entrance into this market.

Sugar does not have much weight in India's exports as the country has not been able to maintain a steady balance of self-sufficiency in this commodity. Pakistan's production has not met internal demand even though the country is not restricted climatically. It is assumed that consumption will be restricted as imports of sugar have not been provided for in the current plan period. Despite the lack of contribution to exports the sugar industry ranks prominently among the cash crops of both countries (Tables 16 and 22).

Ethyl alcohol, a byproduct of the cane sugar industry, and benzene, a byproduct of coal coking operations in steel mill activities, provide India with an abundant supply of raw materials needed in the production of synthetic rubber.² Until recently most of the rubber production has been from natural rubber. India's domestic output, some 24,000 tons, is not sufficient to meet internal demand and the productivity of the small rubber growers is quite low. While the rubber plantations' yields per acre compare favorably with those of

¹"Plantation Industry in India: Coffee," United Commercial Bank Review (April, 1960), p. 6.

²"Plantation Industry in India: Rubber," United Commercial Bank Review (July, 1960), p. 8.

Ceylon, India's rapidly increasing demand has forced the imports of raw rubber. These various factors have contributed to make the production of synthetic rubber competitive with natural rubber. Domestically produced synthetic rubber can be expected to meet about one-half of India's total demand of 100,000 tons of rubber in 1965-66.

Pakistan is presently self-sufficient in bicycle tires and tubes. As natural rubber can be grown in East Pakistan and natural gas discoveries now permit production of synthetic rubber, the country has to decide upon a course of action to follow in the future toward rubber product self-sufficiency and elimination of rubber imports from Malaya.

It has been said that the distribution of natural resources over the globe does not recognize political boundaries. This is certainly true of India and Pakistan where the differences in resource endowment are reflected in their mineral based industries.

As is the case with most nations of the world, neither India nor Pakistan is completely self-sufficient in minerals. They are well supplied in some minerals and wholly deficient in others. The number of different minerals available, their physical quantities and the content of their quality are of significance for their presence or absence exerts an influence on the economic development of the country.

Reference has been made in this study and will be made in the case of minerals as to the adequacy of different natural resources and whether they are ample or deficient. The adequacy of any given natural resource is, of course, related to the short and long term demand for that particular resource and must be viewed as a factor of production

of a desired product. As W. B. Reddaway points out, the population in India, and the same may be said to a lesser degree of Pakistan, is of such a size that "it means that the range of industries which might be introduced is very much larger than in many underdeveloped countries, because there is an adequate potential market for almost anything, at least as one looks forward in time when income per head will have been somewhat raised."¹ Both countries are making a constant effort to raise their incomes and are forced to conserve foreign exchange for imports that are essential but cannot be met through domestic production. Import substitution focuses the emphasis on indigenous natural resources and hence, availability becomes very significant.

Speaking very basically, a natural resource must first exist to play a role. The nation must know of its existence, recognize its utility, decide whether it is economically feasible to utilize it and finally be capable of applying whatever technology is necessary to enter it into the production process. Thus, consideration of the adequacy of natural resources should include, wherever possible, not only the demand for them but also their physical extent, variety, quality and accessibility characteristics.

"While we ought not to decide that industrialization is tantamount to economic development . . ."² this is the desired path of both India and Pakistan. Neither country has acquired a detailed knowledge of its natural resource pattern and is presently continuing

¹W. B. Reddaway, The Development of the Indian Economy (Homewood: Richard D. Irwin, Inc., 1962), p. 19.

²Higgins, p. 7.

with the task of mapping, surveying and exploration to determine its status. From the information presently available, partition resulted in India faring much better than Pakistan. In terms of minerals India has a greater diversity, a greater quantity and, in some cases, less demanding accessibility problems than Pakistan. In referring back to Mr. Reddaway's statement above and examining it from the point of view of available indigenous minerals, there is little doubt that India presently has a potentially wider range of industries than Pakistan.

Aside from the minerals already discussed as they applied to power development, fertilizer production and the like, Pakistan's remaining stock of minerals does not provide a base from which to launch its desired industrial diversification. In the examination of most underdeveloped countries' industrial sector the question of feasibility of an iron and steel industry usually occurs. Some observers believe that many underdeveloped nations view this industry much in the same manner as a public utility¹ and others point out the high backward and forward linkage characteristics of such an industry.² Pakistan believes the country's economic maturity is measured by its basic metal and resultant metal products industries and that this industry support of the creation of heavy engineering industries which supports other industry segments and provide the foundation for future development.³ India's

¹F. A. Grassini, "The Iron and Steel Industry and Underdeveloped Countries," in C. J. Friedrich and S. E. Harris (eds.), Public Policy, (Cambridge: Harvard Graduate School of Public Administration, 1958), p. 226.

²H. B. Chenery and T. Watanabe, "International Comparisons of the Structure of Production," paper presented at the 1956 Annual Meeting of the Econometric Society, December, 1956, p. 106.

³PSFYP, p. 247.

commitment to heavy industry is well known as evidenced by the second plan.

In Pakistan there exists a paucity of the needed minerals for an iron and steel industry. Almost all of Pakistan's metallic and nonmetallic minerals are found in West Pakistan. About forty per cent of the iron ore is located, unfortunately, in the presently inaccessible region of Chitral on the Afghanistan border with most of the remainder occurring in the Kalabagh area and being readily available. The relatively poor quality of Pakistan's coal has been discussed earlier. Manganese of good quality and which is easily accessible is found in Pakistan, but the known extent of deposits only amount to about 500,000 tons. Limestone, the fourth important ingredient to an iron and steel industry, is in abundant supply and its wide production (Table 25) supports one of Pakistan's major mineral based industries, cement.

A capacity of 350,000 tons will be established soon and the production will be based on imported pig iron and scrap. This decision is similar to the one taken in the case of oil refineries where the savings of foreign exchange had been a major factor. The new capacity will meet about three-fourths of the demand for iron and steel in the country and a very active attempt will be made to determine the economic and technical feasibility of establishing an integrated iron and steel plant based on local materials or possibly imported ore. If a mixture of local ore with imported ore is needed, additional port facilities will also be needed.

Substantial quantities of natural gas, limestone, and gypsum allow cement to be produced economically, especially in West Pakistan. East Pakistan has a shortage of limestone. Pakistan should catch up

with the rapidly increasing demand for cement by 1965 and have a surplus for export by this time period.

Along with gypsum, Pakistan also fared better than India after partition in the natural resource of chromite. Most of the chromite production is in the Quetta region and is exported to the West through Karachi. Silica sand, salt and bauxite (Table 52) make up the remainder of Pakistan's slim storehouse of major minerals and support the glass, chemical and refractories manufacturing activities in the country.

TABLE 52

PAKISTAN'S MAJOR MINERAL RESERVES AND PRODUCTION
FOR SELECTED YEARS^a
(000 long tons)^b

Item	1951	1952	1953	1955	1959	1960	Reserves
Chromite	17.5	17.2	23.4	28	16	--	abundant
Gypsum	22.8	28.8	27.2	28	85	--	250,000
Limestone	344	672.4	878.7	866	925	--	abundant
Silica sand	3.7	4.6	7.7	9	22	--	N. A.
Fireclay	4.0	6.3	5.1	8	14	--	N. A.
Rock Salt	--	--	--	140	157	--	N. A.
Salt, total	--	300	320	405	288	431	abundant
Bauxite	--	--	--	1	2	1	300
Iron ore	--	--	--	--	1	2	170,000

Source: United Nations Statistical Yearbook; R. Platt, Pakistan; Pakistan Bureau of Mines; Investment in Pakistan.

^aExcluding petroleum and coal.

^bAll figures are in 000 long tons except salt, bauxite and iron ore production figures which are given in metric tons.

Pakistan has, as does India, considerable small-scale and cottage industry. These activities occupy the time of five to seven million persons¹

¹Andrus, p. 190.

heavy industry but a broad range of industry as well as a source of export earnings. Within India's borders are found one-quarter of the world's known reserves of iron ore and most of the world's mica deposits both of which are important exports. India ranks third in the world in manganese ore, another important export, and her ilmenite and kyanite occurrences are the largest in the world. Bauxite, magnesite and limestone reserves are also large and should be capable of meeting demands for many years to come.

Some 243 iron ore mines are operating in the country with the bulk of the production coming from the Orissa-Bihar border concentration. Production has greatly increased (Table 17) in the last decade as domestic consumption has gone up and the use of iron ore as a foreign exchange earner has been expanded. Based on iron and steel targets, India's internal consumption requirements by the end of the third plan should go up to 20 million tons with another 10 million tons going into export chiefly to Japan. India's iron ore exports by 1971 could reach 25 million tons annually.¹

Only about one-fourth of the manganese ore mined is consumed internally, with the rest being exported. As the "cream of the known reserves is already gone, and India will shortly have little left but eroded hillsides and waste,"² steps are being taken to beneficiate the vast quantities of manganese waste in an effort to prevent seriously depleting the reserves of high grade ore that still remain.

Bauxite, gypsum and limestone production over the past ten years

¹Steel (December 17, 1962), p. 158.

²R. Platt, India, p. 378.

has increased significantly and reflects the expansion of the nation's aluminum industry as well as the fertilizer, cement, steel and other industries.

Deficiencies, however, exist in the non-ferrous metals. Domestic production of copper and lead provide only twenty per cent and ten per cent respectively of the present needs and while no zinc metal is produced the zinc concentrates production sent to Japan for processing still accounts for only five per cent of present consumption.¹

While copper has been known to have been produced in India some 2,000 years ago there is only one copper enterprise presently operating in India, the Indian Copper Corporation, Ltd. This concern has mines at Mosaboni and a smelter and refinery at Maudhaudhar and Ghatshil, Bihar. Annual production runs about 8,000 tons and the metal is suitable primarily for brass and bronze manufactures. It is in the electrolytic type of copper that the main internal requirements must be met. Plans call for a new electrolytic refinery plant at Ghatshila, Bihar, with a 8,500 ton capacity and the government is contemplating a like plant at Khetri, Maharastra, with a 10,000 ton capacity. These new facilities should help save some foreign exchange but as India's consumption of copper and copper alloys was 75,652 tons in 1961² and expected to increase, the bulk of the requirements will continue to be met from abroad.

The picture in lead and zinc production is much the same as in copper with the Metal Corporation of India, Ltd., being the sole

¹United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, Copper, Lead, Zinc Ore Resources of Asia and the Far East (Bangkok: United Nations, 1960), p. 22; hereafter cited as ECAFE, Copper, Lead and Zi

²Ibid., p. 77.

miner of lead-zinc ores at Zawar, Rajasthan. The lead concentrates are shipped to Tundu, Bihar, for smelting. A zinc smelter of 10,000 ton capacity is being considered by the same company at Udaipur and is expected to conserve Rs. 21 million in foreign exchange.¹

Despite shortages of certain minerals, widespread diversification of industry based on indigenous natural resources has already begun in India as depicted in Table 16. In Pakistan where the stock of mineral wealth is more limited the immediate considerations revolve around how to best utilize the existing materials and how to relieve the serious shortages that exist. It can be said that the same applies to India to some extent. However, in India where the mineral wealth is so much greater not only in terms of extent but also variety, there is more flexibility available in trying to solve the problems. Wherever the choice of actions is greater there is likely to be differences of opinion on how to proceed toward chosen goals.

India's second plan and subsequent planning reflect the preference to develop heavy industry as rapidly as possible in an effort to remove the country's dependence on such imports in the future. This approach recognizes that large foreign exchange expenditures would be needed in the short run and that consumer goods would receive less emphasis during the build-up period.

The dissenters to this approach, who are in the minority among the planning authorities in India, feel that such highly capital intensive projects do little to alleviate the unemployment problem. They point out that the twin goals of large expansion of employment opportunities

¹Ibid., p. 22.

and emphasis on heavy basic industries are incompatible. One or the other of these goals would have to receive more emphasis and in this case it has been industry over employment. The employment goal was pursued through "the taxation of factory consumer goods to subsidize cottage industry to provide employment."¹

There are obvious advantages and disadvantages to any short versus long term approaches. This writer believes that India has taken a calculated risk in an attempt to rapidly bridge the gap between her present condition and that of sustained economic growth. This path has required large scale assistance from abroad, the consent of the people or at least no widespread dissent and a determined willingness to plunge into relatively uncharted areas of activity. While India has been relatively successful in these respects, this position is not without some vulnerable aspects.

Insistence that most of this investment be in the public sector is slowly souring some of the donors of foreign assistance and may require an adjustment of policy in the future. India has also not been willing to make any widespread use of foreign skilled technicians and management as evidenced by her wage policies concerning such personnel. Because of the shortcomings that emerged in iron and steel and coal industries in the public sector, government management has been placed in the position of having to demonstrate that it is capable of effectively managing the various industries that are being established in the public sector.

¹A. O. Krueger, "Indian Planning Experience," in T. Morgan, G. W. Betz and N. K. Chaudgry (eds.), Readings in Economic Development (Belmont: Wadsworth Publishing Company, 1963), p. 415.

The unfortunate situation in agriculture will have to be solved quickly if only to keep the confidence of the general populace. Some shift away from long term considerations to the short term seems likely. The degree of the shift will be influenced by the manner in which India is able to cope with the pockets of discontent that are building up. Regardless of what changes may occur, India should not be limited to any degree by the availability of domestic mineral resources.

Summary and Conclusions

The role of minerals and agriculture products in the drive for economic development is one of considerable influence. They influence the composition of industry as well as the direction of a country's economic development.

India and Pakistan are practicing an import substitution policy in an endeavor to conserve foreign exchange. The use of such a policy helps to illustrate more clearly the importance of natural resources to development. When a country tries to substitute home production for certain imports, its ability to be successful requires recognition of the role that natural resources will play. While such recognition does not mean that natural resources have caused a certain industry to be developed, it does point up the influence that natural resources have in determining what will be produced at home. To make such a policy workable, natural resources must be available to aid in the substitution. India, for instance, can now produce certain types of railway equipment which were formerly imported. Pakistan has successfully substituted local natural gas for imported fuels. It follows that the

greater the variety, quantity and quality of home resources the greater the flexibility a country has in applying such a policy. This proposition can be expanded to include not only implementation of an import substitution policy but also a country's chances of achieving sustained growth.

While some countries have been able to progress economically without a well endowed resource base, these instances have not been frequent. Such achievements may appear to offer hope to some nations that also have a meager endowment of natural resources but chances of duplicating the same set of circumstances may prove to be unduly slim. It remains pertinent to question whether an underdeveloped country, which is typically faced today with an uneducated population, a low degree of technological ability and a shortage of capital, can realistically expect to be able to overcome its deficiencies to any appreciable degree if its economy is dependent on a meager endowment of natural resources.

The mineral and agricultural raw material bases of India and Pakistan differ widely in content and size. Agricultural products and related manufactured items are the main export earners for both countries. However, expansion of these agricultural exports appears limited unless various measures are taken.

Jute and cotton provide the basis for two of Pakistan's major industries and account for over fifty per cent of the total export earnings. Dependence on these items for future export earnings, especially textiles, will require close attention as these products face competition in world markets.

Because Pakistan has a dearth of mineral resources it is

especially important for it to protect its established markets in textiles, raw jute and jute manufacturers. Jute is also being faced with increased competition from substitutes such as paper and kenaf and is affected by changing methods of handling bulk goods. If export earnings are to be maintained, very close consideration must be given to keeping jute competitive. Research is also needed to expand its applications. To lose the market for jute to substitutes would indeed be a great blow, not only to Pakistan, but to India as well.

Tea is also a notable source of foreign exchange earnings for the two countries and heads the list of India's export earners. Promotions designed to stimulate increased tea drinking abroad could possibly help, but the poor flavor qualities of the tea will hamper its expansion abroad.

In order for a mineral resource to play a role, a country has to be aware of its presence, acknowledge its utility, and decide whether to use it. The country must further be able to provide the technology needed to integrate the mineral resource into the manufacturing process. Neither India nor Pakistan has as yet acquired a detailed knowledge of its natural resource pattern, but present information indicates that neither country is self-sufficient in minerals.

A comparison of the two countries' mineral bases reveals India's position to be considerably more favorable than that of Pakistan. India not only has a greater number of minerals but also considerable resources in a variety of minerals. This distinct advantage in minerals is further reflected in the broader range of industries to date, as well as the increasing appearance of

CHAPTER VII

CONCLUSIONS

Since an economic plan is designed to serve as a guide to action over a certain period of time, measurement of its success or failure is a matter of degree. Even partial fulfillment of a target may be viewed as a successful contribution since there is so much that has to be done at this stage of development of the subcontinent. India's first plan has been generally accepted as successful and her second plan as less successful. The results of Pakistan's first plan have been less successful because of the circumstances surrounding its inauguration and the attitudes of government officials concerning its emphasis.

India was able to increase per capital income by 10.5 per cent in the first plan period and by eight per cent in the second plan. Pakistan was able to increase per capita income by only three per cent during the first plan period. Per capita income for 1960 in both nations stood at Rs. 330 or about \$69.00. The two countries have benefited from their planning experience and should be more aware of the obstacles which lie ahead. They now have industries which did not exist prior to independence and have laid some of the initial foundation needed in the drive for economic development.

In examining the experiences of the two nations for lessons that may be of value in the future, the areas involving political

stability and relations between neighboring countries rise to the fore. A relatively stable political environment in India since independence has aided the country in organizing itself and in launching its economic development programs. Pakistan, on the other hand, was hampered by political instability and was unable to get its planning started as early or with the same ease as India. When internal calm finally came in 1958 with the coming into power of the Khan regime, the effects on the first economic plan were very obvious. The economic plan, for the first time, received the full support of the government. Land reforms were put into effect in West Pakistan, and many of the programs which were lagging received new impetus. The frictions between the two provinces have been lessened somewhat, but this problem has not been resolved. Communications between the two sections should be strengthened, and the needs of both must be equitably considered by the central government if the undesirable results of intense provincialism are to be avoided in the future.

Friction between India and Pakistan has been costly not only in terms of human life and defense expenditures but also has led to policies designed to eliminate any dependence each may have had on the other. Areas which were complementary to each other before independence are now striving for complete self-sufficiency. For example, the loss of Calcutta to India has required Pakistan to incur large expenditures to expand the Chittagong port and keep the jute trade channels open. India, on the other hand, has had to assign land to jute growing to keep its mills operating. It is unlikely that this situation will improve to a point where normal trade channels can function again if the

Kashmir dispute remains unresolved.

The importance of natural resources to the economic development of a nation is very difficult to measure, especially in quantitative terms. Hence, this study has endeavored to clarify the role of natural resources both in general terms and as this role affects various sectors by examining the resource qualities, relationships and influences which pertain to the activities of the sectors.

Recent general writings on economic growth and development have tended to assign a subordinate role to the natural resources factor in the economic development of a country.¹ In the case of developed countries, the decline of the relative price of agricultural land as well as the decline in the amount of rising income spent on natural resources is mentioned. This has limited applicability to the subcontinent at present, and whether the role of resources will decline in India and Pakistan in the future remains to be seen. Since the evidence is incomplete and depends on a particular set of conditions that surrounded a particular country during a particular time in its history, it is open to question whether the experience will be similar in the case of the presently underdeveloped countries.

Other reasons which may contribute to the belief that natural resources are not particularly important include the existence of countries which are well endowed with natural resources but remain underdeveloped and other countries which have reached relative economic maturity with a meager endowment. It is noteworthy that the number of instances where countries with small resource bases have become

¹Cf. pages 11 and 12 of Chapter I of this dissertation.

relatively developed are few. While such experiences have shown that abundant natural resources at times are not a pre-requisite for development, such experiences need not detract from the role that natural resources did play in the early development of these countries.

It must be recognized that, in the case of countries which remain underdeveloped but have an abundant supply of natural resources, a variety of factors are involved in economic development. It is reasonable to assume that an abundant resource base will make the development tasks of these countries easier once the various other conditions for development become present.

It has also been pointed out that domestic unavailability of natural resources need not be an obstacle to development because of the substitution qualities of natural resources, their relationship to technology and other factors, and the role of international trade in overcoming deficiencies. While such contentions are generally valid, they also have limitations which may not be readily apparent. To be of value they need broad qualification when applied to a given area as shown by the experience of the subcontinent. While substitution is designed to eliminate problems, there are problems associated with its implementation.

There are times when substitution of one resource for another will be helpful, but the effectiveness of the substitution may be limited because of the characteristics of the resources involved. Pakistan, for example, is substituting natural gas for coal and other fuels which are in short supply, but the substitution only is partial because coal can be used in so many more applications.

Substitution of technology and other factors for natural resources is rarely perfect and usually partial. Natural resources and technology have a mutual relationship and to recognize this kinship is to acknowledge that each has a role to play. New technology is presently helping to enhance the existing resources of land and water on the sub-continent by rearranging these resources to make them more efficient and by providing the farmers with new ways of conducting their agricultural activities.

Raw materials can be imported from other countries in order to overcome shortages. The use of this method is limited only by the means to acquire them. Countries such as Pakistan and India, which have national economic plans in force, are generally faced with a shortage of foreign exchange and have stressed import substitution wherever possible. This condition has led to a focusing of attention on their resource bases and the role which they will play in development. The resource bases will certainly determine to a large extent the composition of their exports.

A country must first know what natural resources occur within its borders if the resources are to play a role in its economy. Neither India nor Pakistan has a good knowledge of the extent of its resource bases. Once this information is available, they must decide which of these resources to utilize and must demonstrate the ability to acquire or devise the technologies necessary to use them. Technologies which have been developed and used successfully in other countries may not necessarily fit the conditions of India and Pakistan; thus, care must be taken in the selection of such technologies if they are to be available.

While there are considerable opportunities for improvement in any heavily populated nation, the experience of the subcontinent illustrates the importance of being successful in agriculture which is usually the dominant sector. Success in this sector can lead to, among other things, higher incomes for the rural population, steady or increased export earnings, a dependable food supply, a greater acceptance of the broad development programs and optimism concerning their successful completion. On the other hand, failure can result in increased imports, revision of economic plans, food riots and political instability. Unfortunately, all of the latter conditions have occurred recently on the subcontinent.

Both nations face approximately the same pressures in agriculture although pressure on land resources is expected to be a bit greater in Pakistan in the future. India has made steady progress during her plan periods in increasing key foodgrain production while Pakistan's production has remained relatively unchanged. Pakistan is behind India in many planning phases, has not had as much experience with national plans and has a considerably lower irrigation potential.

It is evident that rapidly growing populations, a seriously declining availability of agricultural land, use of outdated methods, an unpredictable climate and a shortage of foreign exchange are contributing factors to the present grave condition of agriculture in both countries. Sizeable expenditures of capital and human resources during the previous plan periods have not solved the food shortage problem. Renewed emphasis and high priorities must be given to programs which simultaneously attack both the population and land problems.

of the problem. Success is more crucial in this area than in others because deteriorating conditions in this sector can jeopardize the rest of the economic plans. Hungry people lose patience and confidence in their government very quickly.

Additional emphasis on family planning would be desirable. However, this can be viewed as only a partial solution to the problem; furthermore, its effects would not be felt for a number of years. More effort is needed in all the many agricultural programs already begun, particular attention should be given the following areas: irrigation, because the sizeable unrealized potential in both countries would permit increased double cropping as well as better control of the monsoon rains and their damaging qualities; fertilizer and soil conditions, because this desirable method of raising crop yields scarcely has been exploited to date; fisheries, because of their potential contribution to solution of the food and diet problem and because only a small fraction of this resource has been utilized by either country; community development organizations of India and village aid agencies of Pakistan, because of their crucial importance to the transformation of both agrarian structures.

The agricultural experience of India and Pakistan provides an excellent example of the complexities and difficulties involved in implementing programs that are largely designed to effect the partial substitution of technology for land. Such a measure calls for far reaching changes in many areas of activity ranging from increased educational facilities and upgrading of the farmer's knowledge, implements and animals to better land and water management and persuasion of the farmers

to use the new and better methods. Problems encountered in the implementation of the numerous programs ranged from inadequate planning and co-ordination between government agencies and late delivery of equipment from abroad to farmers who preferred to trust to rainfall rather than pay for irrigated water and the refusal of some farmers to use fertilizer. Thus, while technology together with land, water and other resources will undoubtedly continue to play important roles in increasing agricultural productivity in the future, implementation will remain a problem for a long period of time.

The indigenous mineral resources in a nation influence the direction of power development and economic development in general for it is usually on these resource bases that the power systems repose. This is evident in Pakistan and India where the resource pattern and power potential differ.

At times large deposits of a natural resource may attract foreign investment or stimulate new research into ways of utilizing a large deposit of a resource. Examples of such occurrences are found in the power and fuel sectors of the two countries. The discovery of a large reserve of natural gas at Sui, West Pakistan, has attracted sizeable British investment. Possession of one of the largest known thorium deposits in the world has prompted Indian research into its use as a future source of atomic power.

India enjoys a wide superiority over Pakistan in power resources. The advantage is not only in the larger amounts of these resources but also in their qualities and application capacities. India's hydroelectric potential is four times the size of Pakistan's potential and her reserves

of coal are vastly larger. Large thorium deposits provide India with a future base for atomic power, an advantage not enjoyed by Pakistan. Pakistan's sole advantage is in natural gas reserves.

Both nations need to expand oil exploration to gain a better idea of whether they will be forced to continue imports of this commodity indefinitely. Pakistan needs to have a better understanding of its hydro potential since natural gas is the only other known important resource available for power and fuel in the country. Both of these resources can be expected to be used as substitutes for coal and oil wherever feasible. Finally, both nations must face their fuelwood problem if agriculture is to benefit from the fertilizer potential of the readily available cattle dung.

In much the same way that the power resource bases have influenced the direction of power and fuel development, so also do the mineral and agricultural raw material bases influence the composition of industry and exports. This is again evident in both countries, where the mineral bases vary widely but the agricultural raw materials composition is somewhat similar.

A comparison of the mineral resource bases of the two countries gives credence to the proposition that the greater the kinds, quantities, and quality of indigenous natural resources available to a country, the greater the opportunity for operation and range of choice the country has in pursuing its plans for economic development. Here, as in the case of power resources, India has a wide advantage over Pakistan. Indeed, Pakistan has superiority only in chromite and gypsum, the former of which is not utilized at home but exported in raw form. Thus, it is

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